

# ascent

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**The Yasodhara Ashram Society is looking for an Executive Publisher for our publications group (*ascent magazine* and *timeless books*).**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Our next phase of growth and renewal requires a dynamic leader with the experience and perspective to serve the publishing group as Executive Publisher. In partnership with the Board and staff, the Executive Publisher will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and effective management of all aspects of the organization, including building a strong infrastructure, managing transition and identifying sustainable strategies for the organization.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

The ideal candidate will be a professional with a proven track record and three to five years experience successfully leading/managing a nonprofit or business of similar size, complexity and trajectory; or an up-and-comer with an innate sense of good business management and three or more years of direct experience doing comparable work. The Executive Publisher will be an innovative and strategic thinker who can nurture the current Publishing Group's strengths and successes while identifying and capitalizing on new opportunities with an emphasis on financial sustainability. Groundedness, curiosity, energy, compassion and the ability to motivate others to achieve their personal best are essential for this position.

The Executive Publisher must have stellar communication skills and be a strategic collaborator in developing, evaluating and delivering innovative, meaningful products; must demonstrate passion and respect for spiritual engagement and an equal passion for the power of words, ideas and the media that inspire.

## **Experience in the following is an asset:**

- The publishing industry
- Yasodhara Ashram Society
- Organizational development and health
- Transitional leadership
- Technological advances and systems in the context of media
- Marketing and sales

**TO APPLY:** Applications should be sent to [admin@ascentmagazine.com](mailto:admin@ascentmagazine.com) and will be reviewed as received; interviews will be arranged as appropriate candidates are identified. To be considered complete, applications must include a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, your resume (in Word format), your salary expectations, and where you learned of the position. In order to expedite the internal sorting and reviewing process, please write your name (i.e., Smith, Jane) as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.

## **DETAILS OF CONTRACT:**

One year contract to start. At the end of this period the Executive Publisher, advisory committee, board and staff will evaluate if the operating model is working and assess the next step in this relationship.

**This posting is open until: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Start date: Position is to be filled immediately**

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**ABOUT US:**

THE YASODHARA ASHRAM SOCIETY ([www.yasohara.org](http://www.yasohara.org)) is a yoga retreat and study centre located in Kootenay Bay, BC. Founded in 1963 by Swami Sivananda Radha, the ashram has grown into a flourishing spiritual community. People from all over the world come to study in this unique environment.

ASCENT is an award-winning magazine that has received great acclaim for its excellence. Starting out as Yasodhara Ashram's in-house newsletter in the 1960s, ascent was transformed into a newsstand magazine in 1999. We explore the practical side of spiritual life, and look at engaged spirituality from a variety of perspectives. ascent is widely recognized as a non-dogmatic, inspiring journal for those seeking more from their lives.

Each quarterly issue offers features, profiles and columns that take Yoga out of the studio and into the world, exploring creativity and the integrity of individual paths focused on personal growth. All-original photography and illustration create a beautiful counterpoint to intelligent articles on social action, self-reflection and the real-life connections between different spiritual traditions.

TIMELESS BOOKS is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year of publishing. We offer readers in-depth and inspired teachings on yoga. An independent Canadian micro-press, *timeless* publishes four titles a year and seeks to express the spirit of yoga in all aspects of our work. We aim to publish intelligent material instilled with care and quality, while embodying ethical and environmental business practices.

*timeless* is dedicated to open intellectual and spiritual enquiry with publications that challenge readers to expand their minds and transform their lives. With such yoga classics as Swami Radha's *Hatha Yoga: The Hidden Language* and *Radha: Diary of a Woman's Search* and the cutting-edge anthology from *ascent magazine*, *Inspired Lives*, *timeless* honours both old wisdom and new, offering truly timeless reading.